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We, here at home, all feel a deep sense of relief that hostilities, slaughter, and brutalities have ceased in the European Theatre of Operations. Many false rumors prepared us for V-E Day. The unofficial account of the Associated Press on Monday, May 7th, set off some spontaneous demonstrations of pent up emotions. V-E Day, as declared by the President on Tuesday, May 8th, started other demonstrations but of an even milder degree. On the whole, V-E Day was celebrated with a great feeling of relief but with considerable solemnity. To quote Dave Boone of the New York Sun who, as a newspaperman, is better equipped to report on the whole picture, we give you the following: "I was the first to propose a sober mood on V-E Day. I began urging it nearly two years back. But, gosh, I didn't even dream that our public officials would almost make it illegal to let go with their emotions a little. The more I read of the way other countries showed their jubilation the harder it is to understand why there was less spirit of joy over the ending of half of the worst war in history than I've seen expressed over a world series game or some election returns. Most towns didn't even toot a siren." There is still the Pacific war to finish and from all reports and appearances, the civilians here at home are taking the finishing of this task in a serious manner. We sincerely hope that this bloody mess will soon be over, and we are looking forward to the day when we will have you all back with us at 321 East 42 Street.

THE R and C AND ITS CONTRIBUTORS WINNERS OF PULL-ITS-IN PRIZES!!

It is with considerable pride that we can count the greatest number of Pull-Its-In Prize Winners among the contributors of the R. & C. for distinguished reporting during the year. This is the first year that this prize has been awarded by the School of Journalism of Columbine University to hospital gossip sheets.

JOURNALISM

The prize for journalism goes to the Record & Chronicle for the distinction of being the most quoted hospital paper in "New York Medicine", the Journal of the Medical Society of the County of New York. Honorable Mention is given to the "Weekly Hash" of Lenox Hill Hospital and the "Roosevelt Mail". If any of the Editors of other hospital papers want to contest this statement, we can establish these facts with indisputable statistics.

EDITORIAL

A shoehorn goes to K.G. Hansson for the best editorial of the year, "The Spirit of R. & C."

CARTOON

This prize is awarded Olive Fischer for her cartoon, "Wag's Wednesday Afternoon Clinic".

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

The best articles by foreign correspondents goes to both Major Bob Patterson, and Captain Bill Duncan, Major Bob for his keen analytical description of the outstanding characteristics of the General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower after his visit with him, and Capt. Bill for his exposition of "Army Morale" written from Attu.

POETRY

Homer (Pheasant) for the best original verse. Homer gets the Brown Derby by default as no other original verse has been submitted.

BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

To Lowell Thomas for the x-ray picture he sent us from Iran of the complete lateral dislocation of the dorsal lumbar spine, entitled "Oh, Doctor, what do I do now?"

SPORTING EVENTS

Arthur Krida is acclaimed for the best fish story of the year.

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The Seventh War Loan Drive opened officially on Monday, May 14th. We have a booth in the lobby, and all our staff have been solicited. Our goal is $172,000. which will purchase a PBY Naval Rescue Plane used to rescue men at sea. If we make this goal, such a plane will have a decalcomania on the control board which will read: "This marker is placed here in recognition of the purchase of war bonds in an amount equal to the price of equipment of this type by Hospital for Special Surgery, 321 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y."

The Selective Service is still calling men into the Armed Services. On June 15th, one of these will be Mr. T. Gordon Young, Assistant to the Director. Mr. Young was classified as a 4-F'er, but the doctors at the preinduction center have, after incarcerating Mr. Young at the center for 3 days, decided that Mr. Young was to be classified in 1-A.

A campaign for the Greater New York Fund is now being carried on at the Hospital.

Miss Rose Ferrelli, former O.R. Nurse, stopped in the hospital recently. We were pleased to see that she is now Lt. Ferrelli, A.N.C. and she told us that she was on the staff at the Station Hospital at Ft. Devens, Mass. Immediately prior to joining the Army, Miss Ferrelli had worked for Dr. Harlan Wilson in Columbus, Ohio. She admitted that Army basic training had streamlined her appearance.

Lt. (j.g.) Eleta McHenry stopped in the hospital on May 3rd while on leave in New York, after visiting New England and other sections of the east. Lt.

McHenry, a former member of our Nursing Department, has been transferred to the Naval Hospital at Mare Island, California and is looking forward to an ocean voyage in the near future.

Tommy Cannon, the official greeter of the hospital, is now a patient in the hospital. Dr. Wagner is going to do a leg lengthening.

Here is a good one from the Weekly Hash of Lenox Hill Hospital. One of their staff sent in the following: "A soldier with acute stomach disorders was upbraided by an officious medical officer for bothering him. The M.D. loudly told him to take some bicarb and forget about it, then said, 'Look, soldier, in civilian life would you have come to me for a thing like this?' 'No sir,' retorted the soldier. 'I would have sent for you.'"

We have been notified by the x-ray film firms that we will have to go sparingly on our x-ray films because the civilian supply has been materially cut. Some of the materials that go into the making of x-ray films are now being used for rocket powder.

Uncle Carl Burdick has received a letter from Capt. J. C. Messina, dated April 17th. We quote, "I have been in France since the 26th of December and in Paris about three months. Paris is certainly a beautiful city, and I like it fine, but, of course, it cannot compare with Brooklyn. (Brooklyn is on the other side of the bridge.) I am on the orthopaedic service but for the past two months have been on D.S. with a general dispensary. A good part of my work consists of treating acute backs and feet of men on passes from the front who are so fascinated by Paris that they walk themselves all over the city. I met McCarty yesterday. He looks fine and is doing a grand job as executive officer. Regards to all the staff and nurses. Good-luck."

The blacksmith's anvil in the Brace Shop often resounds so that it is heard by people passing by on 43rd Street. It has so aroused the curiosity of some persons that they have stopped in to inquire why a blacksmith would be working in the hospital. We have told them that he is making some robot men to fill the vacancies in our staff which is so badly depleted.

We wish that we could bring you news of all those on our staff who have contributed so much during these war years to the maintenance of a high standard of care for our patients but the list is a long one and we might inadvertently miss someone. Someday we might try nevertheless. Sometime back, we gave you a thumb-nail sketch of our medical staff. In this issue we wish to present our Nursing Staff to whom we owe so much. Eva Becker after a brief leave of absence is back taking care of the girls on 3A. Mary Ann Lawler is assisting Miss Becker. Elizabeth Constantine, formerly general duty nurse, later a suture nurse in the O.R., after taking time out to change her name to Mrs. Coffill and to spend a brief time with her husband who is with the Armed Forces, is back with us taking care of the children on 3C. Mary Gretak, formerly Head Nurse on 4B, now closed because of personnel shortages, is in charge of 4A. Anne Ryan is assisting Miss Greytak with her charges on this ward. Belle Gustin is carrying on as Head Nurse of 4C. Nora Barry, Frances Zenzen, and Grace Cookman are catering to our private and semi-private patients on Gibney 3, 4, and 5 respectively. Henrietta Geisendoerfer and Myrtle Rathburn, besides helping in the Cystoscopic Room, Solution Room and Nursing Office, frequently fill in in the important position as General Utility Nurses. Hazel Evans holds sway in the Operating Room assisted by Gwendolyn Smead, Anne Donahue, Kathleen Kelly and Eleanor Smith, who after a year's service with the Army Nursing Corps in North Africa has returned to us. Alice Holihan with the assistance

of Anna Muma caters to our doctors in the Private Operating Room. Marion Porteous, formerly one of our specials who managed the children on Ward 6B and after a leave of absence last winter, has returned to take charge of 5A. Lena Melia assists Miss Constantine with the children on 3C. Natalie Redjavage, who came to 42nd Street when Seaside closed, is Head Nurse on the Women's Ward 3D. Katherine Jones and Rose Smith supervise the care of the children on 6B. Louise Barry is managing the Accident Room and helping Miss Logotheton, Director of Nurses, as usual. Agnes Howard is Supervising Nurse in the O.P.D. Anne Shalling, Night Supervisor, along with Dorothy Short, Martha Madden, Josephine Craven, and Kathleen Cronin assume the nursing responsibilities at night. Helen Portka completed our four months Post-Graduate Orthopaedic Nursing Course on April 30th and is now taking a Post-Graduate Operating Room Course. Mary Ellen McMann completed the four months Post-Graduate Orthopaedic Nursing Course on April 30th and is now giving a month's service to the hospital as nurse on 5D.

Uncle Carl Burdick gives us the news that Ross McCarty has been promoted to Lieut. Colonel. Congratulations, Mac. Carl Burdick is proud of his orthopedist.

Miss Frances Engeman is back after 23½ months with the Red Cross in North Africa and Italy, looking more charming than ever. If C rations can do this for a girl, all the girls in the country will be rushing to get on a diet of Army rations.

On Saturday, May 12, 1945, a number of gals were invited to a surprise shower given by Mrs. L. Ramsay Straub, for Ramsay's charming secretary, Dolores De-Melio. A very good time was had by all. Dolores is getting married next Saturday, May 19th, to Mr. Albert J. Mattia.

We have all enjoyed an unexpected visit from Major Fritz Waknitz who, after 35 months in the Fiji Islands and India, has earned his rotation home. He is the same ole Fritz and looks fine. After three weeks furlough, he is to report to Army Reassignment Center, Ashville, N.C., for rehabilitation. Loraine will be able to accompany him to Ashville as the Army permits the officers to bring their wives along. More news from Fritz in the next issue.

K. G. Hansson has received a letter from Frances Dunlop, dated April 27th. Lt. Dunlop in referring to their year's report of their work states, "Roughly, we found that out of cases treated 52% returned to full duty, 25% to limited duty, and the remainder to the states. Hardy and Schneider (now Russo) both received their long overdue 1st Lieutenancys. The new table of organization calls for only two of us per General Hospital. That is how scarce we are. The news is splendid here and momentarily we expect it to be over. What a devastated Europe! I allowed myself to be snapped up for a local musical comedy which will be given in a month. Best wishes to all." Lt. Dunlop, we believe, writes from the Italian Theatre.

The Volunteer Awards Tea was held at the hospital on Monday afternoon, May 7th, in the Lecture Hall. Mrs. John H. Reynolds, Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary, gave a short address urging the volunteers to keep up the good work despite V-E Day. Mr. F. Wilson Keller, Director, expressed his appreciation for their splendid help and assistance in maintaining the services of the hospital. Mr. Arthur W. Rossiter, President of the Board, thanked the volunteers on behalf of the Board of Managers and presented the pins for service rendered - a gift of recognition from the Women's Auxiliary. Eleven bars were given to the highest ranking volunteers, a gold one to Mrs. L. B. Elms for 5,276 hrs.; 3 blue bars representing 2,150 hrs. to Mrs. Paget and Mrs. Delahanty, Nurses' Aides, and Mr. Maurice, Male Medical Aide; 7 white bars for 1,150 hrs. to Mrs. C. Alker, Miss M. Cragin, Mrs. F. G. Brown, Mrs. Ernest Osborne, Miss S. Hill, Mrs. T. Fox, and Mrs. M. Hoepli. Besides these, there were 71 volunteers who received pins for 150 hrs. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.